



SAN DIEGO COUNTY INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE

Application Form For FY 2012-2013 Grants

- A. Name of Jurisdiction: Valley Center Fire Protection District
- B. Mailing Address of Jurisdiction: 28234 Lilac Rd, Valley Center CA 92082

- C. Name of Project: 4X4 Fire Command Vehicle Improvement Project
- D. Impacts are associated with which casino(s)? Pala, Pauma , Rincon, and San Pasqual.
- E. The following uses are the priorities for receipt of grant money.
Please check all the priorities the project satisfies:

Law Enforcement	Fire Services XXX	Emergency Medical Services XXX
Environmental Impacts	Water Supplies	Waste Disposal
Behavioral Health	Public Health	Planning and Adjacent Land Uses
Roads	Recreation and Youth Programs	Child Care Programs

- F. On a separate sheet, please provide the following:
- 1) A complete description of the project;

- 2) Evidence showing the relationship between the project and impacts on your jurisdiction associated with the particular casino(s) listed under "D" above, and data linking the percentage of the requested funding to the percentage of impacts associated with particular casinos (include the data source); and
- 3) An explanation of how the proposed project will mitigate impacts of casino(s).

AB 2515 (2012) amended Government Code Section 12715(b)(1)(A) establishing all application policies and procedures for grants from the Individual Tribal Casino Account or County Tribal Casino Account. *Each grant application shall clearly show how the grant will mitigate the impact of the casino on the grant applicant.*

G. Type of grant for which you are applying: (Check each that applies)

1. **60% Nexus Grant (note that only County of San Diego Offices and Departments are eligible for this type of grant)¹** _____
2. **20% Non-Nexus Grant** _____

These "20% Non-Nexus Grants" are intended only for local jurisdictions (County, cities and special districts) impacted by Barona and/or Sycuan Casinos.

3. **20% Non-Nexus Grant** XXX

These "20% Non-Nexus Grants" are intended for local jurisdictions (County, cities and special districts) impacted by casinos of Tribes NOT paying into the Special Distribution Fund² and for assistance to local jurisdictions for one-time large capital projects.

- H. What is the project's estimated time frame? 180 Days
- I. Proportionate share of the project expenditure that mitigates the impact from the casino(s): 100%
- J. Amount of funding requested through this application: \$ \$86,500.00
- K. What will be the total cost of the project? \$ \$86,500.00
- L. If total cost of the project exceeds amount of funding requested, please name other sources of funding that will be contributed to the project and the amount provided by each source: _____

¹ County of San Diego is the only "local government jurisdiction" that meets two or more nexus criteria.

² Campo, La Jolla (proposed), La Posta, Pala, Pauma, Rincón, San Pasqual, Santa Ysabel and Viejas Bands.

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- M. On a separate sheet, please describe how you intend to meet the requirement that grant recipients must provide notice to the public, either through a slogan, signage or other mechanism, which states that the project has received funding from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund and further identifies the particular Individual Tribal Casino Account from which the grant derives.

Please e-mail the complete Application to Eric.Lardy@sdcounty.ca.gov **AND** hand-deliver or mail a copy with the page containing the original Authorized Signature to the following address **by March 1, 2013**.

County of San Diego
Attn. Mr. Eric Lardy
1600 Pacific Highway
Room 212, MS A6
San Diego, CA 92101

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that the grant funds requested herein shall be used solely for the purpose that to the best of my knowledge mitigates impacts from casino projects. In compliance with AB 158, I agree to ensure that all grant funds received shall be deposited in a separate interest-bearing account; and at the completion of the project, I agree to return any earned interest or cost savings from the project to the County for reallocation by the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee.

Submitted by: Tim Irwin Title: Fire Captain/Paramedic
(Print name)

(Authorized Signature) Date: _____

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**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE
ATTACHMENT F1,F2,F3 and M**

F1. Project Description

The Valley Center Protection District (District) is requesting the financial assistance from the IGLCBC in the amount of \$86,500.00 to purchase a much needed 4X4 fire command vehicle. This incident command vehicle will allow for safe and effective command and control of various emergency incidents and natural disasters throughout the North County (Battalion 1, Deer Springs and Battalion 7, Valley Center) and to the Tribal Communities of Pala, Pauma, Rincon, and San Pasqual. Our current command vehicle is grossly inefficient due to being only 2 wheel drive, does not have the appropriate amount of communications equipment or capability, and does not have the storage capacity to carry all the necessary tools and equipment to effectively manage an emergency incident.

The requested funding will purchase an F-250 4x4 diesel 4 door, short bed pickup truck (\$51,000.00), camper shell (\$2,500.00), Code 3 emergency lighting, siren package, including incident command module (\$20,000.00), radios (\$13,000.00). Tax, shipping and installation of the various components is including in the overall cost.

Having a four wheel drive incident command vehicle with the proper communications, incident management equipment, and adequate storage for medical equipment, both wildland and structural fire gear, self-contained breathing apparatus, and associated firefighting tools such as fire extinguishers and hand tool, gives the incident commander an effective platform to make critical decisions in the reduction of civilian and firefighter injuries, stabilizing the incident as quickly as possible, and limiting property losses.

Once the award has been received, the pickup truck will be purchased locally and will take approximately 180 days to have the vehicle delivered and configured into an immediate response command vehicle, thereby able to carry all the necessary tools and equipment that a command officer will need to operate and perform their incident management tasks.

F2 Mitigating the Impact of our Local Jurisdiction

The District enjoys a cooperative relationship with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). As such, the Valley Center fire chief is a CAL FIRE battalion chief. This position is an all risk chief officer who leads and directs

emergency resources to complete operational objectives in the command, control, and mitigation of various incidents

During his 72 hour duty schedule, the district chief has the operational responsibility of responding as a command officer to incidents, such as structure fires, traffic collisions, and emergency incidents to all four tribal communities and their casinos due to the fact that the District has an automatic aid agreement with the Pala, Pauma, Rincon, and San Pasqual Tribal communities. Further any wildland fires on tribal lands are the responsibility CAL FIRE, necessitating the response of the district chief to initiate command and control of suppression operations which also includes air attack resources.

Looking at the last 10 year wildland fire activity in the North County, wildland fires have had an adverse effect on the both local tribal communities, the Indian gaming venues, and surrounding community of Valley Center. The 2003 Paradise Fire affected the Tribal Communities of Rincon and San Pasqual, and areas of Valley Center, Deer Springs, Lake Wohlford, burning 56,700 acres. This fire destroyed 415 various structures (residential, commercial, and outbuildings), 75 vehicles, and injured 20 firefighters, 4 civilians, and killed 2 civilians. 2007 saw several fires as well. The Poomacha Fire, which started on the La Jolla Tribal Community, burned towards Valley Center and the Tribal Communities of La Jolla, Rincon, and Pauma, destroyed 50,176 acres, 220 buildings (residences and out buildings) and injured 21 firefighters. Lastly, the Rice Fire, adjacent to the Pala Tribal Community, destroyed 248 buildings (residences, commercial, and outbuildings), injured 5 firefighters, and forced the closure of Interstate 15.

With the past large wildland fire history, the constant year round threat of wildland fires in and around the tribal communities and the 24 hour district chief coverage of the four tribal gaming venues, the three multiple story hotels of the Pala (507 rooms), Harrah's (662 rooms), and Valley View (668 rooms) Casinos, and the adjacent reservation lands, it is in the opinion of the District that the proportionate share of the projects that mitigates the impact of the District should be 100% of the requested funds.

F3 Mitigating the Impact of the Casinos

When our district chief has the operational battalion coverage for both Deer Springs and Valley Center fire districts, he is also the responding chief onto the four Tribal Communities during that coverage. The ability of the chief to respond quickly with a properly equipped command vehicle to the various gaming venues and tribal lands provides an exceptional value to the tribal fire departments, especially to Pauma, Rincon, and San Pasqual, who do not have 24 hour operational duty chiefs. Our district chief is a highly trained and qualified CAL FIRE battalion chief with many years of quantifiable incident management experience, not only with local fires and disasters, but many statewide deployments as well.

The requested four wheel drive command vehicle has a positive cost benefit to the Tribal Communities and their gaming venues and will serve the region well in the response and mitigation of emergencies in the years to come.

M. Public Announcement/SB 621 Notice Requirement

The Valley Center Fire District will accommodate the public announcement by submitting press releases to the North County Times, Valley Center Roadrunner, and the Meadow Lark newspapers. A similar press release will be added to our fire district's website. This press release would include a picture with Tribal leaders.